



Child Nutrition & Wellness

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*Sent by listserv to SFSP Sponsors and posted at www.kn-eat.org,
Summer Food Service Program, What's New*

KN-CLAIM Upgrade Has Arrived!

The upgraded KN-CLAIM system was released on August 10. To access KN-CLAIM, a new registration process (referred to as Common Authentication) is required. A Quick Reference Guide for Accessing KN-CLAIM is available at www.kn-eat.org, SFSP, What's New.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reimbursement Claim Submission Deadlines

- June claim by 8/29/17
- July claim by 9/29/17
- August claim by 10/30/17

USDA Guidance

SFSP 10-2017: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program. This memorandum outlines the requirements for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) institutions and facilities and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors (Program operators) to provide reasonable modifications to Program meals or the meal service to accommodate children or adults (participants) with disabilities. Watch for an online training module coming fall 2017.

Online Training Opportunities are Available

CNW is working on expanding opportunities for online training. Current classes available through KSDE Training Portal include:

- SFSP Menu Planning
- Civil Rights Compliance in Child Nutrition Programs
- Confidentiality in Child Nutrition Programs
- Sodium Savvy
- CACFP Child and Adult Meal Pattern
- CACFP Infant Meal Pattern
- CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals

Access these online classes using the link available at <https://learning.ksde.org/login/index.php>. More SFSP online training opportunities and resources are coming in 2018!

2018 Team Up for Summer Success – Save the Date!

Team Up for Summer Success will be held on Wednesday, February 21 in Topeka at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Watch for details this fall.

Sunflower Spotlight – X0 216 Arkansas City Recreation Center

Arkansas City Recreation Commission was awarded a Cities Combatting Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) grant. One of the primary goals of the CHAMPS grant is to increase participation in the Summer Food Service Program and provide service of At-Risk meals of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Arkansas City Recreation collaborated with the Arkansas City School District to ensure that meals and snacks were provided to areas of need in Arkansas City. With the help of the CHAMPS grant the Recreation Commission was able to add two more summer feeding sites. They provided a map that pinpointed the city's fourteen SFSP sites, sent postcards to businesses and organizations to distribute to families, set up a tasting booth, held drawings for four bicycle give-aways, and purchased wagons to transport snacks to the new swimming pool site. In an effort to minimize the stigma often associated with free meals, they distributed notices to public places where children are likely to be found (libraries, convenience stores, etc.) that invited the children to a free activity that would include a free meal. Collaboration was key to the success of the summer food service program this summer in Arkansas City!

Grant Opportunities – Plan Now for Summer 2018

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region is requesting proposals for team-based, community service projects for the 2017-2018 service year. Teams are available to support community and faith-based organizations, nonprofits, schools, local municipalities, federal and state entities and Tribal Programs. AmeriCorps teams can provide project support in the areas of youth development, food security, build and construction projects, natural and other disasters, environmental stewardship and more!

For Summer 2018 – Round 3 Service Dates: April 7-July 7, 2018;

Concept Form Due: December 19, 2017; Full Application Due: January 30, 2018.

If you have questions about developing a service project, would like to brainstorm service ideas, or want to get started on the application process, contact Crystal Kelly at crkelley@cns.gov.

KaBOOM! Play Grants

Kaboom! offers a variety of grants that support outdoor play and physical activity for children. Grant funds can be used to create playgrounds and outdoor play spaces. Grants are offered on a monthly basis, with varying award amounts. For more information, go to <https://apply.kaboom.org/>.

Walmart Foundation

The Walmart Foundation issues a variety of grants to organizations seeking additional funding, through its Giving Program. Grant applications for national-level organizations are available year-round, and applications for Community Impact Grants can be submitted until December 31. For more information on how to apply, go to <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/>.

2017 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Best Practice Awards

The 2017 Summer Food Service Program has drawn to a close and the efforts of Kansas Sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program are appreciated. Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) would like to recognize the hard work of individuals and organizations working to increase access to meals during the summer. Nominations are being accepted in the following Best Practice Awards Categories: 1) Best Outreach Efforts, 2) Volunteer of the Year, 3) Summer Champion, 4) Best Site Programming and 5) Innovative Approach to Increase Access. KSDE will also present an award to the Sponsor with the Greatest Increase in Meals Served. To nominate an individual or organization for one of these awards, describe why the individual or organization should receive the award and email the nomination to Kelly Chanay at kchanay@ksde.org by October 20, 2017.

Turnip the Beet! High Quality Summer Meals Award Program

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation that work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. The awards are open to all sponsors operating the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option. There are three award levels available: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Offering high quality meals during the summer is important for a number of reasons. Summer sites have the opportunity to positively impact children's healthy development by offering nutritious meals and encouraging children to develop healthy habits at a young age. In addition, kids vote with their feet in the summer! Offering meals that children enjoy can help sustain and increase participation. It's a win-win, so let's *turnip the beet* on meal quality in the Summer Meal Programs! Visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet> for more information and to apply.

Kansans Can Help Every Student Succeed!

Schools across Kansas are now in session and thanks to all the hard work of Kansas Sponsors Kansas children are returning to school equipped with healthy bodies and minds. Help students make the grade this school year by serving At-Risk Afterschool Meals to school aged children in lower income areas. With school budgets being tighter than ever and some districts choosing to go to 4-day weeks, ensuring that children have access to nutritious meal and snacks when school is not in session is more important than ever in order for students to achieve both in and outside of the classroom. Qualified sites providing educational or enrichment activities after the end of the school day, on weekends or on holidays during the school year can receive reimbursement at the free rate for all meals/snacks that are served. Interested in learning more? Contact Mark Thompson at mthompson@ksde.org, or Laura Hodgson at lhodgson@ksde.org or call 785-296-2276.

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